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1. IN A MEETING WITH SPD LEADER, WILLY BRANDT, PRIMARILY O DISCUSS HIS OCT 19-21 VISIT TO PORTUGAL, BRANDT TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD MET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, WHO SAW BRANDT AFTER ATTENDING THE PSOE MEETING IN PARIS, WAS ARRESTED UPON HIS RETURN TO SPAIN. BRANDT SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE INVOLVED APPEALING ON BEHALF OF THE ARRESTED MAN.

2. BRANDT SAID THAT SPD PLANNED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE NEWLY FORMED SPANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM THE SPANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN EXILE) IN ORDER TO AVOID THE CONFUSION THAT ENSUED FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL. HE COMMENTED THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AN ANTI-REGIME SENTIMENT IN THE SPANISH MILITARY AS THERE HAD BEEN IN PORTUGAL BUT THAT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AT VARIOUS LEVELS, WERE LAYING THE GROUND WORK THROUGH CONTACT WITH
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THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FOR BROADER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

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